

REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Examiner has found claim 4 to define patentable subject matter.

The foregoing amendments in independent claims 1 and 8 include the subject matter of claim 4 and intervening claim 2. Claims 1 and 8 are therefore considered to be clearly allowable.

Claims 2 and 4 are therefore cancelled.

Claim 3 is amended to depend on claim 1, not cancelled claim 2.

Claim 13 dependent from claim 8 is amended to delete the subject matter added to amended claim 8 to avoid a double inclusion of a polarization beam splitter.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes the pending claims patentably distinguish over the art of record and that this application is otherwise in condition for allowance.

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